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Deputy Comptroller Sheppard Recognized for Outstanding Service

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Comptroller Tom Shack is pleased to announce that Deputy Comptroller, Kathy Sheppard has received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC). The award is in recognition of Sheppard's leadership in support of the implementation of Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements in Massachusetts and her collaboration with NASC and other states.

The Office of the Comptroller's fiscal oversight authority under M.G.L. c. 7A covers tax reporting requirements for state employees. Pursuant to the ACA, beginning in 2016 large employers (the Commonwealth among them) must file an annual return, reporting whether and what health insurance was offered to state employees and certain information for each employee covered for the previous year.

"The challenge confronted by state governments in meeting the requirements of the ACA has been daunting. Thanks to Kathy's expertise and our payroll team's effort in this area, the Commonwealth has now accounted for more than 80,000 employees under the ACA. In addition, Kathy's lead position on the issue among the states comes as no surprise considering her history of collaborative leadership. I am proud to be surrounded by exceptional leaders and this recognition of Kathy is well founded" said Comptroller Shack.

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